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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** James J. Fallon

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**For:** **SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR  
ACCELERATED DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 12-18 and 41- 47 without prejudice.

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